

(d) if so, whether the Government have agreed to the proposal; and

(e) if not, the main reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The proposal to this effect has been pending for the time being for six months.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has been decided to continue the transshipment facility for another six months for the time being.

(e) Does not arise.

Shortage of Coal

224. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of acute shortage in supply of coal to power stations in various parts of the country affecting power generation and disruption in power supply;

(b) if so, the latest status of coal supply to power stations, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen effective coordination among concerned agencies to ensure adequate and timely supply of coal to the power plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) There is generally no disruption in power generation due to shortage of coal supply. However, due to various reasons including default in payment for coal and Railway freight by the power utilities, the coal stock position in some of the thermal power stations comes down from time to time, causing some under utilisation of generation capacity in some plants.

(b) Status of coal supply to power stations state-wise during the month of June, 1997 is given in the Statement attached.

(c) The Central Electricity is monitoring the coal supply to thermal power stations on daily basis. In addition supply of coal to various sectors including power sector is regularly monitored every fortnight by Secretary (Co-

ordination), Cabinet Secretariat, in a meeting with group of officers representing Ministries of Coal, Power, Surface Transport, Steel Industry and CEA, NTPC and CIL.

Statement

(Quantity in 000 T)

Name of TPS	Linkage Monthly	Receipt	Closing Stock days
1	2	3	4
NORTHERN REGION/			
DELHI			
Badarpur	350	322	2
I.P. Stn. (DVB)	95	111	17
Rajghat (DVB)	65	57	15
HARYANA			
Faridabad	70	52	9
Panipat	240	150	5
PUNJAB			
Bhatinda	190	208	19
Ropar	500	466	23
RAJASTHAN			
B Kota	450	404	11
UTTAR PRADESH			
Anpara	550	513	11
Harduaganj	40	57	32
Obra	360	294	22
Panki Old	10	0	3
Panki Ext.	50	67	13
Paricha	40	46	25
Tanda	80	74	46
Unchahar	220	165	35
Rihand	435	361	21
Singrauli (STPS)	700	642	17

1	2	3	4
NCTPP (Dadri)	450	385	25
Hardwar (BHEL)	0	0	0
Total N.R.	3300	4885	18
WESTERN REGION/GUJRAT			
Ahemadabad	150	93	15
Gandhinagar	240	227	9
Sikka	75	80	34
Ukai	275	268	5
Wanakbori	400	524	11
MADHYA PRADESH			
Amarkantak	100	29	30
Birsingpur	100	105	29
Korba East	190	206	6
Korba West	310	280	14
Satpura	495	428	16
Korba STPS	900	917	2
Vindhyachal	450	371	13
WESTERN REGION/MAHARASHTRA			
Bhusawal	200	206	21
Chandrapur	550	737	21
Koradi	480	403	9
Khaper Kheda	200	185	23
Nasik	250	334	25
Parli	350	243	13
Paras	15	19	70
Trombay	35	13	29
Dhanu	180	245	62
Total W.R.	6245	5913	15
SOUTHERN REGION/A.P.			
Kothagudam	400	361	5

1	2	3	4
Ramagundam	30	22	40
Vijayawada	700	620	12
Ramagundam STPS	60	824	12
Nellore	10	16	42
Mudannur	230	91	10
KARNATAKA			
Raichur	500	368	1
TAMIL NADU			
Ennore	190	108	2
Mettur	400	324	6
Tuticorin	500	439	10
North Madras	90	190	9
Total S.R.	3970	3363	7
EASTERN REGION/BIHAR			
Barauni	50	0	43
Muzaffarpur	35	16	90
Patratu	110	85	39
Kahalgau STPS	390	237	15
Patna	5	0	12
Tenugaht	110	50	10
DVC			
Bokaro	130	228	75
Chandrapur	170	135	78
Durgapur	120	128	46
Mejia	80	27	1
ORISSA			
Talcher	170	162	15
If Valley	245	205	6
Talcher STPS	250	185	18

1	2	3	4
WEST BENGAL			
Bandel	130	92	11
Santaidih	75	42	14
Kolaghat	400	314	15
Calcutta (CESC)	85	84	7
Titagarh (CESC)	105	94	14
South Gen. (CESC)	50	42	5
Durgapur (DPL)	110	42	9
Farakka STPS	600	393	10
Budge Budge	20	0	0
Total E.R.	3440	2561	21
N.R. REGION			
Bongaigaon	50	28	28
Total All India	18590	16263	15

[Translation]

Investment by Canada in Power Sector

225. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have requested to the Government of Canada to make investment in the power sector keeping in view the acute shortage of power in the country;

(b) if so, the conditions and other details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Canada Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Canada on 8.1.1997 for a grant of Canadian \$ 13.8 million over a period of three years for Energy Infrastructure Services Project of Kerala. The purpose of

the Project is to (i) assist Kerala with the organisational restructuring and policy reforms required in the power sector. (ii) examine the need for a suitable independent regulatory mechanism to promote and regulate the electric power industry. (iii) evolve norms, procedures, and the related documentation to associate the private sector in the development of various facets of the power industry. (iv) promote regional cooperation between SEBs in the southern region and (v) investigate the possibility of applying the project concept (restructuring and policy reforms) to other SEBs.

Moreover, under the policy for private sector participation in the power sector. Canadian Companies are eligible to invest in Power Projects.

[English]

Full Time Programmes in Martandom Low Power Transmitter

226. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide full time programmes in the Martandom Low Power Transmitter for which there are pressing demands and representations from the people of that area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) While the Low Power TV Transmitter (LPT) at Marthandam was commissioned on 9.12.95 pending staff sanction and is presently being run by deployment of staff, on tour, from elsewhere in Doordarshan network, thereby providing only part transmission, full time transmission from the LPT would depend upon availability of staff sanction for operation and maintenance of the project.

Restriction of Business Activities

227. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has restricted the business activities of Siemens, Birla Ericsson, RPG, Sterlite and Vikas Hybrid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received from any of these companies in this regard; and